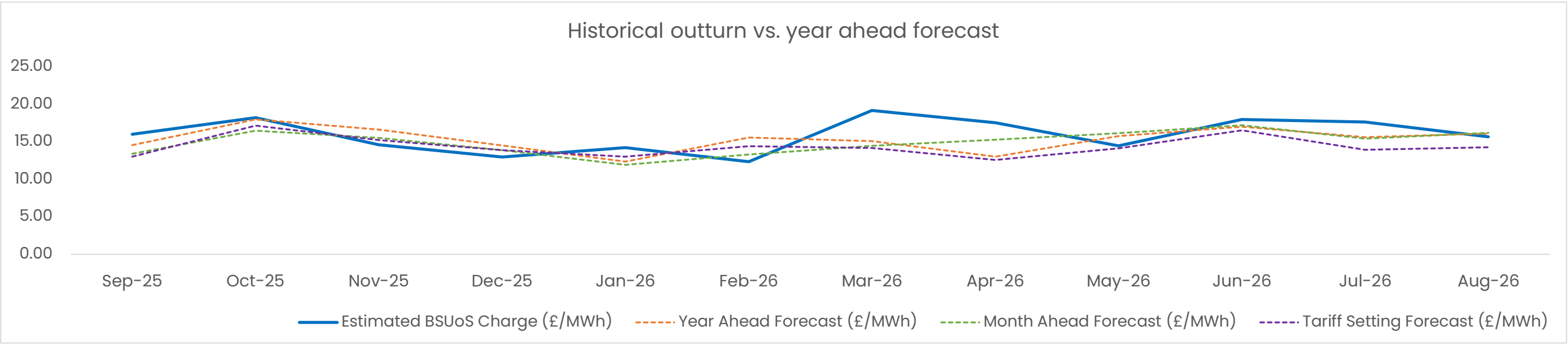


BSUoS Outturn for Aug-26



	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Balancing Costs £m	286.58	326.67	268.57	234.70	300.49	203.09	371.73	309.02	235.69	302.30	298.10	247.20
Estimated internal BSUoS £m	44.56	97.04	93.91	97.04	97.04	87.65	97.04	65.57	67.75	65.57	67.75	67.75
BSUoS Cost Recovery £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALoMCP £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CMP345 Deferred Costs £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CMP381 Deferred Costs £m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total BSUoS £m	331.14	423.71	362.48	331.74	397.53	290.74	468.77	374.59	303.44	367.87	365.85	314.95
Estimated BSUoS Volume (TWh)	20.74	23.32	24.88	25.65	28.02	23.58	24.48	21.39	20.98	20.47	20.78	20.15
Estimated BSUoS Charge (£/MWh)	15.97	18.17	14.57	12.93	14.19	12.33	19.15	17.51	14.46	17.97	17.61	15.63
Year Ahead Forecast (£/MWh)	14.52	17.96	16.59	14.49	12.34	15.55	15.08	13.02	15.73	17.01	15.60	16.08
Month Ahead Forecast (£/MWh)	13.40	16.45	15.49	13.85	11.91	13.30	14.44	15.27	16.12	17.18	15.38	16.19
Tariff Setting Forecast (£/MWh)	12.99	17.13	15.22	13.85	13.02	14.38	14.15	12.56	14.11	16.49	13.89	14.26

Chart Description

Blue line --- Estimated monthly BSUoS charge over the previous 12 months.

Orange line --- Year-ahead monthly forecast produced in March each year.

Green line --- Month-ahead forecast for each month.

Purple line --- Monthly BSUoS tariffs forecast at the point the final tariff for each relevant period was set.

Table Description

The table provides a breakdown of the cost and volume components used to calculate the estimated BSUoS charge.

The estimated average BSUoS charge is calculated as total BSUoS cost divided by volume.

August 2026 total balancing cost = £247m	
Month-ahead forecast for August 2026 (published on 15 July) = £256m	
August outturn costs were above the 45th percentile of the month-ahead forecast and were 17% (£51m) lower than July's outturn of £297m.	
• Constraint costs outturned 33% (£59m) below the August forecast and were 30% (£51m) lower than the constraint costs outturn in July (£169m). • Other costs, including Frequency Control and reserve services, outturned 65% (£51m) above the August forecast and were 1% (£0.2m) higher than the outturn in July (£128m).	
The proportion of demand met by renewables decreased from 42% in July to 38% in August, which was 2 percentage points lower than the month-ahead forecast published on 15 July.	
Wholesale electricity market prices averaged £128/MWh in August, compared with a month-ahead forecast of £91/MWh, and £107/MWh in July.	
We are continuously working to improve our BSUoS forecasting methodology. Any major changes to methodology will be communicated to industry.	
We welcome your feedback on what would be valuable to be included in this dataset as we develop the process. Please BSUoS.queries@neso.energy	
As a result of the approval of CMP361/362, the BSUoS charge is a fixed tariff from 1 April 2023.	
Fixed Tariff 6 for Oct 2025 – Mar 2026 was published on 20 December 2024.	BSUoS Fixed Tariff 6 - December 2024
Final Tariffs 7 and 8 (Apr–Sep 2026 and Oct 2026–Mar 2027) were published on 29 December 2025.	BSUoS Final Tariffs 7 and 8 - December 2025
Historic BSUoS Fixed Tariff publications can be found on our website:	neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges
Revenue vs Cost Report showing BSUoS outturn against the fixed tariff can be found on our website neso.energy/industry-information/charging/balancing-services-use-system-bsuos-charges	
Actual BSUoS half hourly cost data can be found on our data portal:	neso.energy/data-portal/daily-balancing-costs-balancing-services-use-system
Monthly BSUoS forecasts can be found on our data portal:	neso.energy/data-portal/bsuos-monthly-forecast